

## **Water Framework Directive- Draft River Basin Management Plan Engagement and Feedback on the ‘Recommended Priority Water Bodies for Action’ and the Public Consultations meetings**

**18 October, 2017,**

**The Foyer, Wicklow County Council, County Buildings, Station Road, Wicklow  
Town, Co. Wicklow**

An open information session to facilitate engagement on the ‘Recommended Priority Water Bodies for Action’, and feedback on the River Basin Management Plan Public Consultation meetings, will take place from 4pm until 7pm on Wednesday 18th October 2017 in The Foyer of County Buildings, Station Road, Wicklow Town, Co. Wicklow.

The EPA, local authorities and public authorities have engaged in Catchment Assessment Workshops throughout the country during 2016 and 2017 to characterise waterbodies and assess pressures on river, lake, coastal, transitional and groundwater water bodies. In Wicklow, there are xxx no. ‘Recommended Priority Waterbodies for Action’ which were identified following the assessment of all available scientific and technical data from the relevant agencies and also using local knowledge

The draft River Basin Management Plan 2018 – 2021 was published in February 2017 and was on public consultation until 31<sup>st</sup> August 2017. Presentations were made on the Draft Plan to the Council and a number of Public Meetings were held throughout the county to engage with communities and other stakeholders.

To further facilitate public engagement, information and mapping will be available to view from 4pm until 7pm with a presentation. In conjunction with LAWCO (Local Authority Water and Communities Office) the session will consist of a short presentation on the ‘Recommended Priority Water Bodies for Action’, and feedback from the River Basin Management Plan public consultation meetings. There will be an opportunity throughout the afternoon for discussion and to review the information on view which will include maps identifying each ‘Recommended Priority Waterbodies for Action’ and the rationale used in their selection.

Feedback will be recorded on the day and there will be an opportunity to provide further feedback until 1<sup>st</sup> November 2017.